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closed. Each of us were confined alone. There was no furniture other than the three boards which served as the mockery of a bed and which were chained up to the wall every morning. A small shelf which held the water pitcher was the only other furnishing. No ray of light was permitted to enter the place. The month was February. There were no blankets, and the place was unheated. The rations consisted of half a pound of black bread and a pitcher of water, which were thrust in to us every morning. Except for the guard who unchained the boards at night we had no visitation in the 24 long, long hours.

The cell door opened promptly at five o'clock every morning. We were allowed ten minutes in which to clean our cell, go to the lavatory and wash up, all under guard. These were the only occasions during which we had an opportunity of seeing one another or the other prisoners. These rites were all performed in silence, and communication of any description was forbidden and so keenly watched for as to be impossible. However, Simonds and I got what small comfort we could out of seeing one another frequently, and by this time there had grown up between us such a mutual respect as to make us value this highly. The other prisoners included Germans as well as our allies. There were also some civilian German prisoners. The German soldier prisoners were mostly in for committing the various crimes of soldiering which in the British Army would have put them under the general head of defaulters. That classification, however, had been done away with in the German Army. The slightest infringement of discipline was punished with cells. Non-commissioned officers received the same punishment as the men, without, however, losing their rank, as would have been the case in our army.

Upon finishing the ten minutes allotted to us we were forced to re-enter our cells and stand against the wall at the back so that we could neither see nor communicate with one another until the guard got round a few minutes later and looked in to see that all was as it should be before slamming the door.

There was no use in trying to stretch the ration out for two meals. I tried to and gave it up. And after that I ate the bread, filled up with water and sat down on the cold stone floor for another twenty-four hours.

My thoughts dwelt greatly on food. We were supposed to receive soup every fourth day, but we did not. The prisoners of other nationalities did, and in addition were exercised regularly. At least we could hear the rattle of their spoons against their bowls and the tramp of their feet. The slow starving was the worst, to my mind. And after that the loss of sleep. If one did drop off the cold soon caused a miserable awakening. I tried not to think and did all the gymnastic drill I knew, even to standing on my hands in the darkness of the cell. I knew that if I gave up it was all off. I could daily feel myself getting wabbly as the confinement and starvation, added to my already enfeebled and starved condition when I entered, began to tell on me. It must be borne in mind that I had already served eleven days' solitary confinement on insufficient food, after several days of jail on ditto and eight days while escaping, during which I was continually wet and without food other than the two biscuits daily, before beginning to serve this sentence. Simonds, of course, was in the same plight.

## Into The Daylight

The last day rolled finally round. At nine we were taken from our cells and marched out for an unknown destination. Ahead of us we saw poor Humbley, but were unable to communicate with him, and I do not know whether he saw us or not. That was all we ever learned directly of his fate. His wife, in Toronto, has since informed me that he is still in Germany.

At eleven that night we arrived at the strong punishment camp in Hamnover, on the wall over which Napoleon had marched to his doom at Moscow. We had had no food that day, nor did we get any that night. We were shoved

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